

VII. CONCLUSION

The RTC and GVNW urge the Commission not to mandate the use of any proxy for universal service support before allowing further study on new issues raised during the proxy workshops. Many issues remain unresolved. The Commission should consider panelists' comments regarding the need to account for market share and the need for consistent assumptions in the models. Further, until input data for independent companies is available, the Hatfield model should not be considered in this proceeding.

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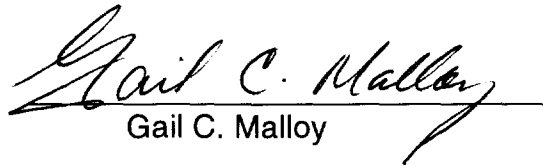
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